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Dear Mr. Heinisch:

This is in response to your letter received 18 April 2006 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/549,664 filed 16 September 2005. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will be mailed to applicant soon. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Catherine Short, Manager of the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at (703) 308-9140, extension 220 or to Terry Vessels, Supervisor of Team I, at telephone number (703) 308-9140, extension 221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nguyễn Ngọc Hồ". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

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